

Canine Influenza in North Carolina Updates

July 13, 2015 10:00 PM – There has been a news report of a canine influenza outbreak in the Asheville area. To date only one veterinary hospital has reported to the Animal Welfare Section (“AWS”) of the N. C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services the treatment of a patient for a confirmed case canine influenza. The veterinary hospital has examined 2 dogs with signs consistent with canine influenza and one of those patients was tested for the disease. The laboratory test for this patient was positive for Type A canine influenza. The test which differentiates the particular strain of influenza is pending. There are two strains of Type A canine influenza: H3N8 which has been present in the US since 2004 and H3N2 which appeared in the US in 2015. Once the results of the strain for this patient are known to AWS this website will be updated.

Canine influenza is not a reportable disease but veterinary hospitals can report cases to AWS so the Section can monitor the situation. The current CDC recommendations and AVMA FAQ and Canine Influenza Fact sheet as well as other reputable sources of information about this disease can be found on this website under the “Canine Influenza.